

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application, and for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the teleconference on November 21, 2003. By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have amended the title of the invention and amended claims 1, 5-9, 11, 18, 20, 32, 33, 40 and 42 in accordance with the teleconference with Examiner Ngo. Claims 4, 10, 19 and 38 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2-3, 5-9, 11-18, 20-37 and 39-46 are currently pending, with claims 2, 12-17, 21, 24-26, 28, 30, 31, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43 and 44 are now hereby cancelled. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections in view of the above amendments are requested.

In view of the above amendments, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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